

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9
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A RESOLUTION to designate April 4-10, 2005 as "Community College Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, community colleges have a rich history of providing educational opportunities for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, they share a common mission of open access and equity, comprehensive program offerings, a community-based philosophy, a commitment to teaching, and a commitment to lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, community colleges are an economical value for Tennessee's students and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, by responding to local needs, community colleges have played an integral role in developing multifaceted curricula to serve their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, community colleges train the future workforce and instruct employed workers in new technologies; and

WHEREAS, the relatively low cost of tuition at community colleges has kept higher education within reach for many Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, many successful and well-known individuals began their higher education at community colleges, including members of Congress, astronauts, actors, scientists, business leaders, and philanthropists; and

WHEREAS, reasons for choosing to attend a community college are as varied as individuals. Low tuition, convenient locations, open admissions, and comprehensive course offerings are highly persuasive factors in a student's personal calculations; and

WHEREAS, the observance of "Community College Week" will provide an excellent opportunity to enumerate the benefits and services Tennessee reaps from community colleges; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds that we should encourage citizens of the State of Tennessee to join in this recognition and celebration of community colleges and the integral role they play in Tennessee's education and economy; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to grasp this golden opportunity to honor and recognize community colleges throughout the great State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that for the purposes delineated in the preamble of this resolution, April 4-10, 2005, is hereby designated as "Community College Week" in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly does hereby call upon all Tennesseans to observe "Community College Week" by participating in the appropriate ceremonies, events, and public service projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.